

February 23, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

### RAISE GRANT FUNDING FOR CASS COUNTY'S RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) supports Cass County's submission of the County Highway 4 and 10 Reconstruction Project for the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants program. This support is conditional that there would be no changes to traffic control on ND 18, beyond the addition of left turn lanes. The stretches of County Highway 4 between County Highways 11 and ND 18, along with County Highway 10 between County Highway 5 and the City of Tower City/Barnes County line incurs a substantial traffic load. These roads cannot continue operating without grading and surfacing improvements to ensure continued mobility and safety.

The County Highway 4 and 10 Reconstruction project calls for a total reconstruction of the area, including grading, culvert replacement, flood damage prevention improvements, and paving. The project would also widen and pave the shoulder beyond the current shallow gravel line, would lower the slope to NDDOT acceptable standards, enhance safety, and improve bicycle and pedestrian use.

This project will substantially improve local, regional, and national multimodal transportation, and exhibits all the factors of local and national significance. This project reflects needs documented in both local, regional, and statewide plans to support improved safety and mobility. It will also enhance truck access to major agricultural commodity processing or storage sites located in central Cass County.

Sincerely,



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Director

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